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The Honorable Frances H. Stacy United States Magistrate Judge P.O. Box 61010 Houston, TX 77208

**ATTN:** Beverly White, Case Manager

Re: Civil Action No. 4:14-cv-01006; Joseph Pecktal v. Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company; in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division File No.: 02489-000259

## Dear Judge Stacy:

I am counsel for Defendant Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company. The initial pretrial and scheduling conference is currently scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on August 26, 2014. I am requesting permission to appear on behalf of Defendant via telephone.

I have contacted counsel for Plaintiff and he does not oppose my appearance by telephone.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

Sedgwick LLP

cc: Courtesy Copy to Chambers via Facsimile

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